

# Voice from the Vicarage Maundy Thursday 2022

*Getting ready....*

Dear All,

What a marvellous Palm Sunday it was!

*On cobbled streets....*

Thanks to John Vincent for a number of great photos. I particularly enjoyed the one of Francesca walking down Chapel Street, partly because it has a 'backstreet' feel to it and partly because I was near enough to hear her hooves on the cobbles of the street. I was taken in my thoughts from Brunswick to the cobbled streets of Jerusalem! Cobbled streets can be a little treacherous underfoot, which I suppose allows us to better identify with the treacherous journey our Saviour made as he 'set his face' toward the Holy City.



*The back alleys of Brunswick...*

And it was so very good to have so many folk from the local Churches together on 260 Sydney Road sing-



ing God's praises and lifting up their palm crosses to be blessed. The Cross was lifted high! Thanks by the way to the folk who made the crosses. Take heart that a cross you made will help another to ponder the mystery of our redemption!



Thanks to Stavroula for her photo of Francesca in the church. It seems right to me to honour with a bit of incense a descendent of the fair beasts who carried our Saviour in Mary's womb to Bethlehem and on

the journey we remembered so vividly on Sunday....And then, during the mass Sister Cara preached an excellent sermon.

*And later that same day....*

At 6 pm we met, as is now our custom for Lamb 'B & B'. My joy was just about complete when four young people who saw the A frame sign about B & B came to join us. Just to say, of course, that if it had been four pensioners who had seen the sign and joined us, my joy would have been just as complete!

By the way, the little article about 'The Lamb' I referred to last week is now on the Melbourne Anglican Facebook page. It's generous and warm hearted.

'B & B' is taking a break this Sunday, but we will continue our journey through Philippians next week.

As I write the church is being prepared for the three days known as the Triduum' beginning with this evening's service which begins at 8 pm. There is considerable preparation required! Altar cloths washed and well ironed; towels and ewers and bowls prepared for the footwashing; the transformation of the Lady chapel into the garden of repose for the vigil until midnight tonight; buying hot cross buns for after the service tomorrow; service papers prepared and printed; last minute instructions for the serving team; laying out vestments and preparing the vessels for the Eucharist.....

It all matters very much indeed, because what we are remembering and experiencing in our worship over these days matters so very much.

And while we pray that the Holy Spirit will overrule any imperfections in our offering (and there will be some!) with an outpouring of holy love, yet we must do the very best we can. Most important is that our interior souls be in tune with the exterior rituals!

You have all received the schedule for the three days. Good Friday service tomorrow is at 10.

*EASTER will surely be joyous!*

Our celebration of the Resurrection begins on Saturday at 8.30pm with the lighting of the new fire, readings by candlelight and the First Mass of Easter, followed by drinks in the parish house.

**Mass @ 10** promises to be filled with joy as five people receive the graces offered by the Lord in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Confirmation. **Pray for Luke, Drax, Tim, Lara and Aurelia.**

A little Easter egg hunt after mass then a shared lunch in the parish house and garden. Do come to as much as you can. It will provide you with a beautiful exhaustion!

Much love,

+ *Lindsay*